



GIAC Update/Report  
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# + GIAC Advisory Board



- Consists of one representative (country coordinator or Partner) from each region.
  - Africa
  - Asia-Pacific
  - Europe-Eurasia
  - Latin America-Caribbean
  - Near East-North Africa
  - North America

And one alternative representative, tasked to represent the region at GIAC meetings in the event the primary GIAC representative is unable to attend.





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## GLOBE International Advisory Committee (GIAC)

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The GIAC is an advisory body organized exclusively for the GLOBE Program. Formed in 2006, the purpose of this advisory body is to provide GLOBE Regional Consortia a formal mechanism for community input in the overall implementation, enhancement, and sustainability of the GLOBE Program. The GIAC provides advice to the GLOBE Program Office (GPO) management team in order to assist the GPO in making progress toward program goals including student-teacher-scientist partnerships, regionalization, and issues surrounding programmatic sustainability around the world. The GIAC is an advisory committee and does not hold binding authority or fiduciary responsibility for activities of the GPO.

### GIAC Members

Contact information is available for each GIAC member on their respective partner contact pages. Additional information regarding regional governance and alternate representatives are listed on their respective region pages.

# + 2010 GIAC Members



*From Left to Right:*

*Marsha Willis, N. America; Zakeya Ahmed Ali Zada, Near East-North Africa;  
Alternate Representative-Amalia Aubone, Latin America; Rajinder Mehta, Asia-Pacific,  
Mark Brettenny, Africa Diana Garasic, Europe-Eurasia*

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# + In Memoriam

Our representative from Latin American and the Caribbean, *Maria del Carmen*, had been very ill and passed away this past December.



*Maria del Carmen* at the GLOBE Learning Expedition in South Africa, 2008.





# + Formal and Virtual Meetings

- Two formal meetings occur each year.

- 2010 Face to face Calgary, Canada
- 2011 Face to face Bethesda, Maryland



- Virtual Meeting- last held in January, 2011

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# More on Virtual Meetings

- Skype or teleconference
- Basecamp-online collaboration software
  - GPO management and GIAC representatives share files and presentation, and also post, read, and reply to discussions within the secure online communication area.

SATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2011

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FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2011

Comment [Re: GIAC Greetings](#)

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# + GIAC North America Representatives



- 2006-2007 Dr. Michael Odell (Texas)
- 2008-2009 Dr. Paul Ruscher (Florida)
- 2010-2011 Marsha Willis (Texas)
- 2012-2013 Lynn H. Hehr (Arkansas)
- 2014-2015 Dr. Jerry Cobbs (Alabama)
- Next elections will take place in 2012.

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# + GPO U.S. Sponsors

- Invitations are sent to the sponsors to attend the face-to-face meeting in order to meet GIAC representatives and listen to the discussion since this provided them with the opportunity to understand one of the most important mechanisms within which the GPO receives community feedback.



*Sponsors in Attendance:*

*John McLaughlin, NOAA; Ming-Ying Wei, NASA; and Christos Michalopoulos, NOAA*





# Items of Discussion at Meetings



- Evaluation
- Website Redesign
- ESSPs
- Training
- Revision of Mission Statement
- Climate Research Campaign
- Election on new GIAC Chair

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# Moving Forward-Collecting Feedback



- Regional Ambassador Committee Presentations and Discussions
  - Master Trainer Program
  - K-4 Critical Topics
  - Website
  - ESSPs
  - Funding
  - Using the Data

Information will be shared with GPO staff and GIAC members

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+ Thank you and keep up the great work



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